

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Samuel D. Griggs et al.

Application Serial No.: 10/738,547

Filed: December 17, 2003

For: Netting Chutes For Manual And/Or Automated Clipping Packaging Apparatus

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

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PETITION FOR A RETROACTIVE  
FOREIGN FILING LICENSE (37 C.F.R. 5.25)

Dear Sir:

**1. Petition**

It is respectfully requested that this petition for license for foreign filing attached hereto be granted retroactively under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 5.25.

**2. Material Filed Abroad Before the Granting of a Foreign Filing License**

Material corresponding to the above-referenced utility patent application was filed abroad without a license for foreign filing. However, a foreign filing license was granted on December 2, 2003, prior to the foreign filings, for the general subject matter as described in the priority provisional application, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/508,609.

**3. Identification of Inventor(s), Title of Invention and, if Applicable, Details of Corresponding U.S. Application**

Inventors' names: Samuel D. Griggs; Dennis J. May

Title of Invention: Netting Chutes For Manual And/Or Automated Clipping Packaging Apparatus

In re application of: Griggs et al.

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**4. Foreign Countries and Dates of Filing of Material for Which Retroactive License Requested (37 C.F.R. 5.25(a)(1))**

With respect to the material for which a retroactive license is requested, each foreign country in which the patent application material was filed and the date it was filed is as follows:

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<u>Foreign Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Mexico	January 12, 2004
Canada	December 31, 2003

**5. Verified Statement(s)**

Also attached hereto is the verified statement of Julie H. Richardson, which confirms that in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 5.25(a)(3)(i)-(iii),

- (a) the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order;
- (b) the license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filings and this error; and
- (c) an explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under §5.11 first having been obtained.

**6. Fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(h))**

The fee for this petition for retroactive license is paid by:

- the attached check for \$130.00.
- charging Account No. 50-0220 \$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is attached.
- If any additional fees are deemed required for this petition, charge such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

  
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